

PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize 15 1-minutes on each side.

WELFARE REFORM

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, today is the deadline this administration imposed on itself for granting Wisconsin the freedom to reform its welfare system. Two-thirds of the Wisconsin Legislature approved a welfare reform plan that requires work and restores the values of responsibility and family. President Clinton endorsed the Wisconsin reforms in a radio address to the Nation and eventually agreed to approve the plan by today, July 10.

Remember President Clinton's campaign promise to end welfare as we know it? That promise energized the Nation's Governors, who have put forward ambitious plans to reward work over dependency. But State legislators eager to end welfare as we know it have been forced to sit on their hands, waiting for permission from Washington, only to have bureaucrats rewrite their welfare reform plans and make them ineffective.

Welfare as we know it continues, despite enormous effort from our Nation's Governors.

The President has vetoed welfare reform twice, despite his campaign promise. Today he has a chance to keep another welfare reform promise, this one made to the people of Wisconsin—or, Mr. Speaker, is this not one of the promises the President meant to keep?

FILEGATE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, at first, it was a handful. We then had 300, then 400. The number grew to 700. Today, Federal law enforcement groups estimate the number of illegally obtained secret FBI files by the White House to exceed 1,000. One thousand private lives of Americans invaded, 1,000 workers, all Republicans, who worked for Presidents Reagan and Bush, their rights violated. And, after all this, to add insult to injury, the

new political spin is, Vincent Foster did it.

What is next? Will some political spinmaster accuse Richard Nixon here?

Mr. Speaker, this is a serious problem, whether you are a Democrat or Republican. This cannot and must not be tolerated. There is one question that must be answered: Who ordered this criminal act? And that criminal should be put in jail. And, by God, let Vincent Foster rest in peace.

REINFORCEMENTS NEEDED IN WAR ON DRUGS

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for months President Clinton promised to protect our children from the addiction of cigarettes, but what about drugs? When Clinton got in office, he slashed the drug czar's staff by 83 percent, he eliminated 200 to 400 DEA agents, and he took the priority of drugs from top on the national security list to bottom. At the same time, marijuana use went up for 12- to 13-year-olds by 13 percent.

Sunday, the Dallas Morning News reported Mexican drug smugglers seized ranches on the Texas border for smuggling marijuana, cocaine, and heroin.

Our border is at risk. Our ranchers are helpless. County and city officials are corrupted. President Clinton's all-talk-and-no-action drug policy has led to an invasion of our borders.

It is time we responded. Mr. Speaker, we need our Armed Forces to stop the invasion of the United States of America.

DOLE REJECTS NAACP INVITATION

(Mr. FOGLIETTA asked and given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOGLIETTA. I has happy that Bob Dole was in my district last night for the All Star game, but there are direct flights from Philadelphia to Charlotte, NC. I say this because America should know why Bob Dole has rejected the invitation of the NAACP to speak at their convention.

His campaign repudiated the invitation based on scheduling conflicts, but I think other conflicts are involved. Could it be that Bob Dole has nothing to say to the NAACP? Could it be that Bob Dole can't do anything or say anything that would offend the far right wing of his party? That's the answer. Whatever happened to the big tent? These are the same folks who talk about their commitment to what they have called the safety net for the very poor. But isn't it interesting that both of these metaphors speak in terms of fabric. The Republican majority, led by Bob Dole and Speaker GINGRICH, they are tearing up this fabric. The safety net is in tatters. And the big tent is

full of holes. With Bob Dole's rejection of the NAACP, the big tent is getting smaller and smaller.

THE CLINTON YEARS: A LEGACY OF FAILURE IN THE WAR ON DRUGS

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton is hosting a 2-day drug summit in El Paso, but 2 days hardly make up for his administration's 3½ years of neglect. But let's see what the numbers really say: Total drug-related cases are up 30 percent; cocaine use is up 33 percent; heroin use is up 77 percent; marijuana use is up 108 percent; and methamphetamine use is up an alarming 308 percent.

No rhetoric, just the facts.

But, Mr. Speaker, these facts have a brutal impacts on our society, especially our Nation's children.

I've worked in the emergency rooms where these children come in. I've seen how these drugs can destroy generations of families.

How has our President responded? He cut the DEA agents by 227.

He shortened mandatory minimum sentences for convicted drug traffickers.

And he even mothballed nine Coast Guard ships and seven aircraft that were needed to stem the flow of drugs into this country.

No, Mr. Speaker, 2 days cannot make up for lapses of this magnitude. President Clinton has abandoned our Nation's drug control efforts and it is our children who will bear this heavy burden.

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE WILL NOT HAPPEN

(Mr. VOLKMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a big day for a lot of low-income American people that are hard working. The other body passed the minimum wage increase bill overwhelmingly. All the media talked about it, what a great thing it was for the low-income American people that work very hard right now for \$4.25.

Folks, I have got something to tell you. You have seen the last of it. NEWT GINGRICH, dictator NEWT GINGRICH, the Speaker of the House, and the leader of the Senate, both oppose that minimum wage.

One of two things is going to happen. They are either not going to appoint conferees or they are going to wait until September or October, right before we adjourn, to appoint them. Or if they appoint conferees the conferees are never going to come to an agreement.

The same thing is happening on health care reform. They did not like it